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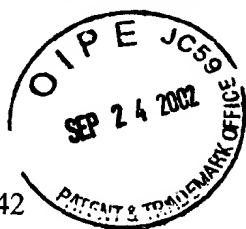
In re Application of

Ewing

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For: **NON-FLUORESCENT  
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Sir:

With reference to the Office action mailed June 24, 2002, please amend the application as shown below. A Petition for 2-Month Extension of Time is enclosed herewith.

In the Specification

Change the text at page 15 lines 10-11 to read as follows:

A<sup>1</sup>  
where Q is selected from structures I and II above, and Y, L<sub>1</sub>, L<sub>2</sub>, and L<sub>3</sub> are as described for compound III above. A may be any cleavable linker, including the structures: